REMARKS

Claims 1 – 5, 10 – 18 and 23 - 30 are pending in the present application. Claims 6 – 9 and 19 – 22 are canceled by the present amendment.

In section 2 of the Office Action, claims 1 – 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,718,023 to Zolotov (hereinafter "the Zolotov patent"). The application contains two independent claims, namely claims 1 and 14. Applicants are amending claim 1 to include features that were previously presented in claims 6 – 9, and amending claim 14 to include features that were previously presented in claims 19 – 22.

Claim 1 provides for an apparatus for processing data records. The apparatus includes, *inter alia*, a receiver that receives data records of a plurality of different types. Each of the different types has a different predetermined format, and the data records comprise one or more selected from the group consisting of Call Detail Records, Transaction Detail Records and Service Detail Records. The apparatus also includes a module that selects which functions from the contents of type-specific function library(ies) are to be utilized in processing the received data records.

Thus, claim 1 is directed to an apparatus and method for processing Call Detail Records, Transaction Detail Records, or Service Detail Records, which may be in a number of different formats, after receiving instructions as to the particular format(s) of the data records to be received. The instructions also include information as to which particular functions from various function libraries are to be used for carrying out the processing and the invention includes selecting which functions from the function-specific libraries are to be utilized in the processing.

The disclosure of the Zolotov patent is, however, completely different. The Zolotov patent is concerned with building the Call Data (Detail) Records in the first place and *not* with processing them later. In the Zolotov patent, information from different data sources, which may be different types of networks, is collected using at least one probe and stored. As explained at column 3, lines 16 – 25, the

collecting step may include picking put call-related events (the pre-CDRs), which may involve parsing data present in a number of different formats (protocols). All the pre-CDRs in one particular protocol are stored in one database (the CDR database) and then an Integrated CDR is formed from the different CDRs relating to the same call (see column 3, lines 38 – 58). Nevertheless, in the Zolotov patent, the output is a CDR (or Integrated CDR) and there is no discussion of the further processing of CDRs. The system in the Zolotov patent has no such type-specific libraries of functions, hence, the Zolotov does not disclose a module for selecting the particular functions from the contents of type-specific libraries that are to be used in the processing, as recited in claim 1.

The "rules to be used in order to process received data", as referred to by the Examiner on page 4 of the Office Action, are precisely that – rules for combining the various pre-CDRs into an integrated CDR, but they are predetermined rules and there is no library of such rules from which particular rules can be selected in order to process the data records in different ways. In any event, "rules" for carrying out processing are not the same as "functions" that operate on the data records, as recited in claim 1.

In view of the reasoning provided above, Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentable over the Zolotov patent.

Claim 14 includes recitals similar to those of claim 1, as described above. Thus, for reasoning similar to that provided in support of claim 1, Applicants submit that claim 14 is also patentable over the Zolotov patent.

Claims 2 – 5 and 10 – 13 depend from claim 1. Claims 15 – 18 and 23 – 30 depend from claim 14. By virtue of these dependencies, claims 2 – 5, 10 – 13, 15 – 18 and 23 – 30 are also patentable over the Zolotov patent.
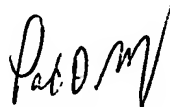
Claims 6 – 9 and 19 – 22 are canceled. As such, the rejection of claims 6 - 9 and 19 – 22 is rendered moot.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the section 103(a) rejection of claims 1 – 30.

As mentioned above, Applicants are amending claims 1 and 14 to recite features that were previously presented in other claims. These amendments are not intended to narrow the meaning of any term of the claims, and as such, the doctrine of equivalents should be available for all of the elements of all of the claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims presented in this application patentably distinguish over the prior art. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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